

Counterfeit Convictions

Stewardship Sabbath sermon by James Lewis

Malachi 3:8-12

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

“I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

Malachi 3:8-12, NIV



As a redeemed believer of household faith, I not only have the promises of God to illuminate my financial path, but also the guidance of the Holy Spirit to stay on target!



Counterfeit convictions are beliefs
that start out as biblical truths that
we absorb into our minds
incorrectly.

Counterfeit Conviction #1

I want you to save me when I mess up but
I want to do what I want to do.

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Matthew 6:24, NLT

Counterfeit Conviction #2

I give based upon what I decide is best
not what God requests.

Counterfeit Conviction #3

It is unfair of God to hold my actions of independence against me by not blessing me the way I deserve to be blessed.

The greatest blessing that comes to the giver is the development of trust in God! Trust in God means that I will stay on track.



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The closer I move in God's direction, the greater the image I will see of Him!